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SUBJECT: GOJ SUPPORT FOR MDAO

REFS: (A) TOKYO 6742 DTG 090916Z MAY 77

(B) STATE 109036 DTG 131856Z MAY 77

(C) TOKYO 17349 DTG 240640Z NOV 76

(D) STATE 013235 DTG 200021Z JAN 77

(E) TOKYO A-229 JUNE 30, 1976

SUMMARY: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN ANNUAL AGREEMENT WITH GOJ FOR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE IN KIND TO EMBASSY'S MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE OFFICE (MDAO) FOR JFY 1977 (APRIL 1, 1977 - MARCH 31, 1978). FONOFF HAS REQUESTED OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW SUPPORT PROVISIONS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY OFFICE CHANGES THAT MIGHT STILL BE ENACTED. END SUMMARY.

1. PER REFTELS C AND D, WE HAVE PRESENTED TO GOJ ESTIMATE OF CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED TO SUPPORT MDAO. FONOFF HAS AGREED TO PROCEED WITH EXCHANGE OF DOCUMENTS PROVIDING FOR GOJ CONTRIBU-

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TION AND ASSISTANCE IN KIND TOTALING SOME \$524,000, MINUS CERTAIN ITEMS REQUESTED TOTALLING \$74,173 WHICH GOJ TRADITIONALLY HAS NEVER CONSIDERED TO BE PROPER CHARGES UNDER AGREEMENT. FORMAT PROPOSED IS SAME AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS (REF E), WHICH PROVIDES FOR LONG-STANDING US RESERVATION TO RECOVER CHANGES LATER ON REQUESTED LINE ITEMS WHICH GOJ DOES NOT AGREE TO PAY.

2. PER REFTELS A, B AND D, WE UNDERSTAND PRESENT INTENTION OF USG IS TO CONTINUE TO SEEK A CONTRIBUTION FOR LOCAL COSTS AND TO CONSIDER FMS SURCHARGES AS PAYING FOR US COSTS AND BALANCE OF LOCAL COST NOT COVERED BY GOJ. NEVERTHELESS, FONOFF OFFICIALS HAVE NOTED APPARENT DISCREPANCY IN US POLICY IN THAT 1976 ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT PROVIDES FOR RECOVERY OF EXPENSES BY ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES UNDER FMS PROCEDURES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DEFINITIVE STATEMENTS AVAILABLE SHOULD THE SUBJECT COME UP AGAIN. WE HAVE ASSURED GOJ THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE CHANGES IN FINANCING WILL BE NECESSARY.

3. FONOFF APPEARS SATISFIED WITH OUR EXPLANATION, BUT HAS ASKED US TO INCLUDE PROVISION IN OUR LETTER ACCEPTING GOJ CONTRIBUTION THAT "IF AND WHEN ANY ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE WITH REGARD TO THE MDAO, JAPAN, TAKES PLACE DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, CONSULTATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE CASH CONTRIBUTION TO BE MADE AVAILABLE BY GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN." WE ARE NOT OPPOSED TO THIS IN PRINCIPLE SINCE IT IS EVIDENT THAT AT LEAST ONE POSITION WILL BE LOST TO MDAO FROM OCTOBER 1, 1977, IF MDAO IS CONVERTED TO ODC. HOWEVER, WE PLAN TO REQUEST, IF CONSULTATIONS ARE NECESSARY, THAT ANY SURPLUS BE CARRIED FORWARD AND CREDITED AGAINST OUR SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION.

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